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Applicant: GUTZMANN ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/419,019
Filed: OCTOBER 15, 1999
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Title: TREATMENT OF ANIMAL CARCASSES

Examiner: UNKNOWN
Group Art Unit: 1761
Docket: 163.1239USD1

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Dear Sir:



With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/137,242 filed on August 20, 1998.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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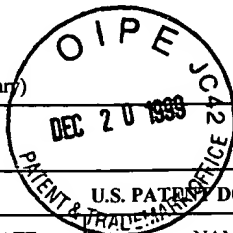
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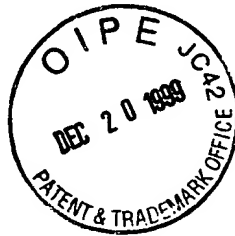
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